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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: ARENA STAGE

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1. NEW DATES PROPOSED FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 7 ARE UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE ON WEEKENDS. FYI: EMBASSY IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOT RPT NOT INVITE SOVIETS TO PROTOCOL EVENTS ON WEEKENDS. END FYI. AFTER REVIEWING ENTIRE ARENA SCHEDULE, IT APPEARS ONLY OCTOBER 8 RPT 8 FEASIBLE FOR MID-DAY RECEPTION. THIS CONTINGENT ON FOLLOWING PROPOSAL BY GOSK:

2. GOSK HAS PROPOSED THAT ADDITIONAL MATINEE BE HELD OCTOBER 8. REASON GIVEN IS THAT SOVIET THEATERS USUALLY HAVE TWO PERFORMANCES, MATINEE AND EVENING ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. SOVS RESPECT RIGHT FOR ARENA TO REHEARSE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 AND HAVE PREMIERE THAT EVENING. BUT GOSK NOW REQUESTING ARENA GIVE EXTRA MATINEE ON OCTOBER 8 BRINGING TOTAL NUMBER PERFORMANCES IN MOSCOW TO 8 RPT 8. ADVISE PRIORITY.
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